

# James Madison University Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Secondary Education

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS					Complete at JMU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
JMU Course	Credits	Gen ED*	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes/Course Titles
UNST 000	1-2		SDV 100 or 101		Secondary Education BS Requirements ( <i>Students will double major in secondary education and their content area</i> )		
WRTC 000	3	PUA	ENG 111		MSSE 370	3	General Instructional Methods for Grades 6-12
WRTC 103	3	UA	ENG 112		MSSE 411/412/413/414	3	Content Area Teaching Methods, Grades 6-8
Degree Requirement	3	PUA	PHI 100		MSSE 415	3	Field Experience in Middle Grades Education
British, American, African American or World Lit.	3	UA	Any UCGS Literature	ENG 245, 246, 255 or 258 <i>Future social studies teachers: take ENG 258</i>	LED 440	3	Disciplinary Literacy in Secondary Education
U.S. History	3	PUA	HIS 121 or 122	HIS 121 <i>Future social studies teachers also need HIS 122</i>	MSSE 425	3	Assessment in Middle and Secondary Education
General Education Requirements**	3	PUA	ECO 150, 201, 202; GEO 200, 210, 220, 225; or PLS 135		MSSE 441/442/443/444	3	Content Area Teaching Methods, Grades 9-12
General Education Requirements**	4	PUA	BIO 101 or 106; GOL 105, 106, or 110	<i>Future science teachers: take BIO 101. Flexible for other teaching content areas.</i>	MSSE 446/447/448/449	1	Content Area Field Placement, Grades 9-12
General Education Requirements**	3-4	PUA	MTH 154 (non-STEM), 161, 167, or 263	Choose any. <i>Future math teachers: take MTH 263. Complete MTH 161+162 or 167 first if needed.</i>	MSSE 420	3	Differentiation for Adolescents
General Education Requirements**	3	UA	CST 100 or 110	= SCOM 122 or 121	MSSE 403	3	Behavior and Classroom Management in a Diverse Society
PSYC 160	3		PSY 230		MSSE 450	2	Internship Seminar

EDUC 200	3		EDU 200	20-hour Field Placement required	MSSE 455 or LED 254	3	Special Topics in Pedagogical Content Knowledge or Literature for Adolescents <i>English only: Take LED 254 prior to student teaching semester</i>
EXED 200	3		EDU 250		MSSE 475	8	Internship in Middle & Secondary Education (Student Teaching)
EDUC 310	3		EDU 204	20-hour Field Placement required	Content Area Major Requirements		
Additional Science Course	4	UA	BIO 101, 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, 106, 110, PHY 100, PHY 141 (NAS 131), PHY 142 (NAS 132)	<i>Future science teachers: take GOL 105. Flexible for other teaching content areas.</i>	Content Area Coursework	Varies	<p>Content areas include English, history, political science, math, biology, chemistry, physics and earth science. You will double-major in secondary education and the content area of your choosing.</p> <p>Coursework varies by program; please work closely with your advisor after transferring to JMU.</p> <p>JMU also has a dual-degree pathway in secondary education for students to complete the requirements for teaching licensure. This allows students to earn both a bachelor's degree in their content area and a master's degree in Education. Talk with your education advisor about which pathway may be the right one for you.</p> <p>Students who are pursuing the double-major program with a major in Secondary Education and a major in one of the four approved sciences may not be able to complete the double-major within four semesters at JMU. Talk with your advisor about options.</p>
MATH 220	3	PUA	MTH 155 (non-STEM) or 245	<i>Future math teachers: take MTH 245. Flexible for other teaching content areas.</i>			
Other Major Requirements (Varies by content area)	10-12 credits (to reach 60)		<p><b>Social Studies Teachers</b> HIS 121+122, HIS 111+112, PLS 135, ENG 258, ECO 201 or 202, GEO 210 or 220</p> <p><b>English Teachers</b> ENG 245 OR 246 but not both, ENG 255, ENG 258</p> <p><b>Math Teachers</b> Complete math through Calc II (MTH 264). If possible, take MTH 265 and MTH 283. MTH 266 and 267 are also options to help toward the major.</p> <p><b>Biology Teachers</b> BIO 101+102. GOL 105. CHM 111+112.</p> <p><b>Chemistry Teachers</b> BIO 101. GOL 105. CHM 111+112. If time, PHY 241+242.</p> <p><b>Physics Teachers</b> BIO 101. GOL 105. PHY 201+202. If time, CHM 111+112.</p> <p><b>Earth Science Teachers</b> BIO 101. GOL 105. One of the following sequences: CHM 111 + 112, PHY 201 + 202 OR PHY 241 +242</p>	Course recommendations vary significantly for prospective teachers of social studies, English, math, or one of the sciences as shown at left. Complete as many courses as possible from the list provided for your teaching area to meet the 11-12 credit hours in this category. Some of these courses listed will have already been taken for VCCS core requirements above.			
			VCLA Test	Students are strongly encouraged to pass the VCLA prior to transfer.			

\* **A** = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. **U** = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement.

**P** = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.

\*\* Students who complete an approved transferable associate degree will qualify for a full waiver of general education requirements at JMU. Students who will not be earning an approved transferable associate degree should complete core community college requirements with courses that also satisfy area requirements in JMU's general education program. For example, the WRTC 103 requirement can only be filled with ENG 111-112 at VCCS. Learn more about JMU general education equivalents offered at VCCS at [www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/genedequiv.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/genedequiv.shtml). Email [transferadvising@jmu.edu](mailto:transferadvising@jmu.edu) with questions.

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Admission into the Teacher Education Program at JMU

**Students who meet the criteria below are eligible for admission to the College of Education Teacher Education.** Students have the option of completing the checklist and applying to the program before beginning classes at JMU. Admission to the program is based on completion of requirements; it is not a competitive process.

- Students must complete an approved transferable associate degree from their Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, please see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: [www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml).
- Following the Secondary Education Curriculum at your community college will help you make the fastest possible progress toward your degree.
- The minimum JMU GPA to be accepted into the Teacher Education program at JMU is 2.5. Your GPA resets when you begin taking courses at JMU.
- Complete the VCLA Reading & Writing with a composite score of 470 or higher
- Complete one of the following math assessments: ACT Math score of 22 or higher, SAT Math score of 560 or higher, ALEKS score of 46 or higher (you can take this for free when admitted to JMU), or Praxis Core Math 5733 score of 150 or higher.
- Complete certifications and training: CPR, First Aid, and AED in-person CPR training by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross; Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Training; Cultural Competency Training.
- Links to tests and trainings can be found in the "Applying to Teacher Education" document here: <https://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc/admission-licensure.shtml>.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Students can notify JMU of their interest in transferring through College Connect at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org). Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying. Requirements and forms are available at: <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml>.

- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for Fall or October 15 for Spring at <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.jmu.edu/financialaid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students should keep their prospective subject area(s) in mind when choosing coursework.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and James Madison University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

Students interested in secondary education can choose one of two degree paths:

- The completely undergraduate program. For this path, you double-major in secondary education and one of eight approved subject area majors. The double-major program is rigorous. Student teaching occurs in the final semester of this program and all content coursework must be completed prior to starting student teaching
- The dual-degree program where you earn your bachelor's degree in one of eight approved subject area majors with a minor in Pre-Professional Secondary Education and then complete a Master of Arts degree in Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment will likewise be eligible for the general education waiver. The same Secondary Education coursework requirements previously described in this guide apply to DE coursework as well.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all

students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.

- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at JMU

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

JMU is a mid to large size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate. 88% of classes have less than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public University in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at [www.jmu.edu](http://www.jmu.edu) and [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- There is no limit to the number of credits you can transfer to JMU, but 50% of the credits required for graduation in your major must be taken at a 4-year college or university, and 25% must be taken at JMU. (Most JMU majors require 120 credits, so 60 must come from a 4-year and 30 must be taken at JMU.)
- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.
- Students who may be eligible for Virginia's Two-Year College Transfer Grant should transfer in the fall or spring immediately following the completion of their associate degree. Learn more about the state transfer grant here: <https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/two-year-college-transfer-grant>

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

All students in our programs who seek teaching jobs after graduation are employed in the field by the end of the summer after graduation. Recent graduates have continued their studies and were awarded Fulbright Scholarships. Through many and varied field placements, students not only develop teaching skills but also develop a large professional network.

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) AND has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/> or [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Earn additional endorsements in Algebra 1, Gifted Education, Journalism or minor in Exceptional Education, TESOL, Human Resources, Coaching Education, Education Media, and more (note: additional minors or endorsement areas may extend the length of program). Education is a profession of transferable skills that can be useful in many additional career areas. Graduates go on to be middle school or high school teachers. Some return for continuing education to become Reading Specialists, Math Specialists, or Principals.

### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Further details about fulfilling teacher licensure requirements through this program will be shared when you meet with your JMU academic advisor upon matriculation. Students will also need to pass the Praxis subject assessment before beginning student teaching.